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Pope Benedict XVI is pleased with the tiara he received as a gift from the Bulgarian-German delegation
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Representatives of the German Catholic community have made a special gift to Pope Benedict XVI – a tiara handmade by the Bulgarian masters, Russian media reported. The precious crown similar to the ones that spiritual leaders of the Catholic church used to wear before 1963 is made of silver and Zink and inlayed with semiprecious stones. The idea to give this valuable present to the Pontific landed on German businessman Dieter Philippi. "We decided to present the jewel to the Benedict XVI because so far every pope had his own tiara. John Paul II received the same gift from the Hungarian Catholics, now it was our turn," Philippi commented. The tiara fro Benedict XVI was commissioned to a Sofia workshop that manufactures holy vessels and attires. It was presented to the Pontific during May 25 audience with a small delegation of German Catholics and Orthodox Bulgarians as a symbol of Christian unity.
Rumyana Bozhkova

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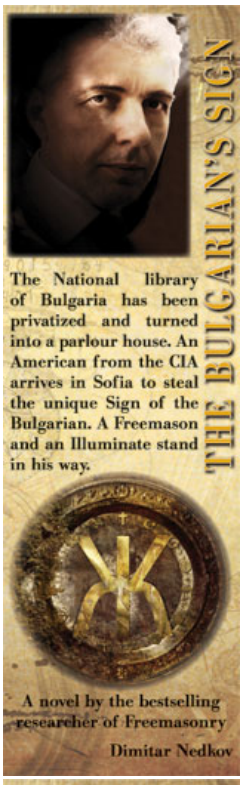

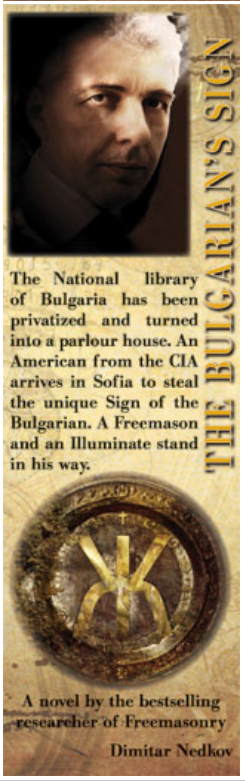

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